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State Indian Museum Celebrates Native California Heritage With “Gathering of Honored Elders” Event

36th Annual Celebration Commemorates Esteemed Keepers of Traditions and Offers Complimentary Admission for Special Event on June 8

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- To honor and commemorate California's Native Elders, the State Indian Museum will host the 36th Annual “Gathering of Honored Elders” on-site at the Museum on Saturday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. During the special event, an annual celebration of the California Indian Heritage Center Foundation and the State Indian Museum, the California Indian community Elders—the keepers of the traditions—will be honored for their role in passing down the important history and culture of Native California people.

In addition to complimentary admission for the special day, a sponsored lunch will be provided to the tribal Elders and Indian foods will be available for purchase by Museum visitors. Native American dancers, guest speakers, community service organizations, and arts and crafts vendors will also be on hand to enrich the experience. An official proclamation from the Governor's office in celebration of the contributions of California's Indian people will be shared by Cynthia Gomez, Tribal Advisor, Office of Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. In addition, the event will include door prize drawings of unique, native-made arts and crafts donated by local Native artisans.

The Gathering of Honored Elders event is co-sponsored by California State Parks, California Indian Heritage Center Foundation, Buena Vista Rancheria, Hutuanape Foundation, Jackson Rancheria, Native American Health Center, Shingle Springs TANF, Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk, the United Auburn Indian Community and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation.

The special “Gathering of Honored Elders” event hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the Museum is open until 5 p.m. that day. For more, call 916-324-0971 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum.

About the State Indian Museum State Historic Park

The State Indian Museum State Historic Park is operated by California State Parks and supported by the California Indian Heritage Foundation. The Museum is open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day) for self-guided tours and school group visits. The museum is located in midtown Sacramento at 2618 K Street adjacent to Sutter's Fort State Historic Park. Current exhibits include traditional basketry, beadwork, ceremonial regalia and hunting & fishing items associated with many of the tribes of California, as well as contemporary artwork. For more information, please call (916) 324-0971 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum.

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